

SDBOR appoints presidential search committee members

SARA BERTSCH
Editor-in-Chief

The South Dakota Board of Regents appointed a search committee to recruit and evaluate potential candidates for the next president of South Dakota State University.

The search process will begin later in January. The SDBOR is working with the Witt/Kieffer executive search firm to review candidates.

The next president is expected to be named in May, with the expectation that the president will start around July 1.

President David Chicoine announced in mid-December 2015 his plans to step down as president after serving for nine years. Chicoine plans to apply for a sabbatical leave in fall 2016 and return to faculty responsibilities in the Department of Economics in spring 2017.

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Fire claims storage, research building north of campus

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A structural fire occurred in one of the facilities at the Wildlife and Fisheries Research Unit over Winter Break.

The unit is located on Medary Avenue, north of the Highway 14 bypass. The fire occurred on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 2 around 7 p.m. when a passerby observed the fire and notified dispatch.

The building was a total loss. It was used primarily for storage according to a press release sent to faculty from the Office of Safety and Security.

The fire is believed to be caused by a bathroom exhaust fan. No employees or animals were in the building at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported.

The Brookings Fire Department responded to the call received around 7 p.m. They requested assistance from the Volga Fire Department to help extinguish the fire.

THE DIFFERENCE

New discussion groups encourage open conversations

IS DIALOGUE

KATHERINE CLAYTON
Managing Editor

The lines of conversation are being opened through The Difference is Dialogue events. Various dialogue groups were created so students can express their thoughts, opinions and experiences related to diversity.

“In having discussions with faculty and staff, whether it was committee meetings or over coffee, there seemed to be a desire for both faculty and staff to develop more deep and meaningful connections with students,” said Charlotte Davidson, the special assistant to the president for diversity and Native American affairs.

After looking to see if a program existed where faculty, staff and students talked about diversity, Davidson discovered that South Dakota State University did not have a program that did that.

The dialogues were modeled after the Voices of Discovery program at the University of South Dakota.

According to Davidson, a pilot program at SDSU was launched during the fall semester. The pilot program consisted of three dialogue groups that met an hour and a half for four weeks.

Through the pilot, Ascherman discovered that the students involved in the preliminary dialogues wanted more dialogues, which is why the spring dialogues are a five-week program where students will meet for two hours each week.

“So our program is really about developing the ability for students to have those conversations and do it in a manner that is more appropriate, and that way they are learning some of the terms and some of the ways to speak and they’re learning how to talk in a group,” Ascherman said.

The dialogues are split into: urban/rural, students of color/white students, international students/U.S. born students and religious differences across campus.

The structure of the dialogue will be the facilitator bringing up questions and allowing any student to give their feedback to the question. At the end of every session, students will be asked to fill out a form that asks them what they want to discuss at the next meeting.

“We really want this to be a student-led discussion because even though there are professors and staff that are leading it, eventually we really want it to be a student bred, student led program so it’s really about them and what they want to learn,” Ascherman said.

For students to participate in the dialogues, they have to fill out a registration application. The applications are due by Jan. 15, but the deadline may be extended.

“Students will be essentially talking about stories that will involve speaking their minds and expressing their opinions,” Davidson said. “The facilitators are there to hold the space in a way where everybody still feels that air of comfort and welcoming.”

Davidson believes the dialogues will not only start new conversations, but also bring a new language to campus.

“One of the really neat things for the students, but for the facilitators as well, is to learn a new language that centers on social justice issues; that centers around equity, diversity, inclusion, learning—about learning your place in that, your role in that—consciously or unconsciously,” Davidson said.

For Amanda John, a freshman political science and sociology major, discussions like the dialogue are a human responsibility.

“I just feel when you have an opportunity to learn and to listen to people there’s so much you can get from it. I almost felt that it would be wrong on my part not to be there,” John said.

John attended the CommUNITY dialogue at the end of the fall semester. For her, it was a learning experience because she learned about other minority communities who were facing discrimination.

“The are so many subdivisions [of races] that we need to learn to understand. You might not completely accept what it stands for, but you should be able to love your neighbor,” John said. “How you can love your neighbor if you cannot understand your neighbor?”

The dialogues will begin the week of Jan. 25.

DIALOGUES:

RURAL/ URBAN STUDENTS JAN. 26 AT TUESDAY 5 - 7 P.M.
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS/ U.S. BORN STUDENTS JAN. 27 AT WEDNESDAY 5 - 7 P.M.
RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES ACROSS CAMPUS JAN. 28 AT THURSDAY 5 - 7 P.M.

National organization establishes chapter on campus

Love Your Melon sells hats to support children battling cancer



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Students are shown wearing Love Your Melon hats, showing support of the organization.

HANNAH KOELLER
Reporter

Love Your Melon, an organization dedicated to giving a hat to every child in America battling cancer, has found its way to South Dakota State University.

Amanda Neubauer, psychology and sociology double major and club president, said the SDSU Love Your Melon campus crew was started last year after learning about Love Your Melon’s mission.

“We wanted to be part of a great cause,” Neubauer said. “Love Your Melon can’t wait to see the day when childhood cancer is cured.”

Love Your Melon was founded in 2012 by two friends, Zach Quinn and Brian Keller, at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. according to the organization’s website.

Ever since, Love Your Melon has worked to establish a network of college students called Love Your Melon Ambassadors, who are responsible for spreading the mission of the organization in their own city. Over 450 schools in the nation and more than 7,000 college students are currently working with the organization to sell and donate hats.

Love Your Melon will donate 50 percent of proceeds on every product sold to the Pinky Swear Foundation and CureSearch, working directly with both organizations in the fight against cancer.

For every Love Your Mel-

on hat bought, another is donated to a child battling cancer. According to the company’s website, these hats are donated in person by participating ambassadors across the country dressed as superheroes.

Although the SDSU club was founded a year ago, the group has 20 active members and are planning events for this spring.

“Our crew is hoping to hold several events this year, and our goal is to be able to do a hospital visit where we go dressed up as superheroes and give hats away to children undergoing treatment while also doing some activities with them,” Neubauer said.

Club members are hoping to host an on-campus sales event as well as a card or blanket-making night where those in attendance would make cards or blankets to donate to nearby hospitals.

Neubauer encouraged students to get involved with the SDSU Love Your Melon campus crew to meet new students and participate in volunteer activities.

“A student who is involved with this group may have the opportunity to take part in many different events, such as hospital or Ronald McDonald house donation events,” Neubauer said. “We also take part in different challenges with other campus crews for the organization. It is a great way to get to know students on our campus as well as students across the country.”

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Parking Services office moves to north end of Medary



SARA BERTSCH
Editor-in-Chief

Over winter break the Parking services office moved to a new location on Medary Avenue.

Their office is now located at 1351 Medary Ave., which is commonly known as the old motor pool building.

With little signage on their new building, many people are having a hard time finding it said Jason Soren, the parking service administrator.

“The first thing we tell people is that we are on the corner of Medary Avenue and 13th Street,” Soren said. “Go to Medary and north of the Ag Museum, cross the big lot and we are right there. It is a white building with the red top.”

Soren hopes there will be signage within the next few weeks for easier recognition.

The main reason the office moved was so campus visitors would easily find the building. When it was centrally located on the first floor of Yeager Hall, many campus visitors could not find it. According to Soren, they are now located near one of the main entrances.

The second reason the office moved was for more space. Not only is the building larger than their old office, but the building has more parking spaces for students and faculty coming to get a permit, pay a citation or ask a general question.

“If they can’t find us, or they can’t figure it out, give us a call,” Soren said about students who cannot find the new location or may have a question.

The hours remain the same from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Students remember MLK through acts of service

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Managing Editor

Forty-eight years have passed since Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, and his memory and efforts to bring equality in America continue to be remembered.

The Black Student Alliance is hosting a week of celebration and remembrance for Martin Luther King Jr. from Tuesday, Jan. 19 to Jan. 22.

“We’ll have a Martin Luther King remembrance day and it’ll be strengthening our community through service because MLK did a lot of service for the black community,” said Semehar Ghebrekidan, senior global studies major and BSA president.

The events will begin with a remembrance ceremony. According to Kas Williams, adviser for African American programs, the ceremony will consist of honoring individuals who have died throughout the year related to issues of race.

“We want to remember them in a positive light. We don’t want to discuss what happened. We just say this person was a person and they had a voice,” Williams said. “[Not] to talk about what happened, but to show them as they were as human beings.”

Each year the remembrance ceremony has a theme. Last year’s ceremony focused on non-violence and promoted #BlackLivesMatter. This year, the focus will be on service and improving the community.

“We want to remember his life and his legacy because some people don’t really know about him,” Ghebrekidan said. “It’s good to remember those people that helped to pave the way for us to live the way we do today and it’s also a good thing to remember the people who sacrificed for us.”

The service projects will be commemorative service, Ghebrekidan said, and students will also present about the service they provided in their communities.

Other events during the remembrance week include a community service project at the Boys and Girls Club of Brookings, a teach-in session regard-

ing Ferguson and film-showing of “Selma.”

“[The Martin Luther King Jr.] events, definitely much like the Native American Day event we had, is to advance an awareness of the past and how it very much informs our present and our future,” said Charlotte Davidson, the special assistant to the president for diversity and Native American affairs. “These issues for sure have relevancy to our campus—to higher education context.”

During the week of Martin Luther King Day, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community will be hosting events: Breaking the Silence: the Pervasiveness of Oppression, Teaching as an Act of Love: Strategies and Practices and Politics of Research and Scholarship: Seminar for Women faculty.

“We can’t stop what he did. We have to keep continuing what he did,” Ghebrekidan said. “Progressing to see if we can be a better society, a better nation all together.”

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The search committee consists of campus and community members. They include:

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Staff, students focus on energy efficiency efforts

Efficiency projects, changes made on campus

MAKENZIE HUBER
News Editor

South Dakota State staff members have committed to creating a more energy efficient campus and improving energy conservation within past years.

Changing the mindset and behaviors of students, staff and faculty are main areas of improvement the university has focused on, as well as projects to decrease the campus footprint.

Projects to improve energy efficiency include a replacement of two main boilers in 2011 that use natural gas instead of coal, plans for a chiller plant and switching to LED light fixtures across campus.

Luke Ganschow, the energy conservation engineer for Facilities and Services, leads the project to upgrade older buildings and light fixtures across campus. About 100 LED lights are going into the Berg Agricultural Hall this year.

SDSU isn't the only campus to make the move to a more energy efficient environment. MIT reduced its energy footprint by 34 million kilowatt-hours per year in a collaboration project with NSTAR, Efficiency Forward. The reduced footprint saved an estimated \$50 million total and prevented more than 20,000 metric tons of annual greenhouse gas emissions, according to an article by Kathryn M. O'Neil, an MIT Energy Initiative correspondent.

LED upgrades are "easy to do" Ganschow said, and cut utility costs for SDSU. Ganschow sees the light fixture switches as an investment for the university. His future plans are to expand LED lights to parking lights and the lights in Frost Arena within the next five to 10 years.

SDSU alumna and sustainability intern Jennifer McLaughlin said she didn't notice any changes to improve the energy efficiency on campus while she was a student.

"I was not aware of when things changed or efforts that were going on, and I know that's something we're working toward, for students and faculty, because we think it's important," McLaughlin said.

Students like Jacob Gubbrud, a sophomore electrical engineering major, haven't noticed any changes made to increase energy efficiency on campus either, but Gubbrud is confident in the university's dedication to energy efficiency.

Gubbrud took a colloquium course through the Fishback Honors College, Energy: Present Realities and Future Possibilities. In the class, he discussed different energy sources and the benefits and consequences of each. He also became involved in his own energy research and said he knows "there has been a push recently for more research at SDSU to address the energy issues in our world today."

In the future, McLaughlin would like to see a larger use of renewable resources for energy.

SDSU gets the majority of its electricity from Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). The energy supplied by WAPA is hydropower. Once SDSU uses up an allocated amount from WAPA, the rest of the energy is provided by Heartland.

Under the current electric contract, SDSU can't generate electricity on campus unless it is for research or educational purposes, but Ganschow said this does not prevent it from being changed in the future.

SDSU staff and faculty have made recent efforts to educate students and the Brookings community about energy efficiency and conservation. Ganschow wrote columns about energy conservation in The Collegian this academic year but hopes to do more outreach projects to students and the community.

Gubbrud thought SDSU is doing well educating stu-

dents "to the best of their ability" about energy conservation. Gubbrud said ways to increase awareness across campus even more would be to bring in speakers on energy conservation, hold other events to raise awareness and put up signs in rooms reminding people to take simple actions like turning the lights off.

"One of the many ways I try and conserve energy and hold myself accountable is through simply having my blinds open during the day when the sun is out, rather than turning on my lights," Gubbrud said. "This may seem simple, but over the long term it can dramatically decrease lighting expenses per room."

Keeping the heat a few degrees cooler during the winter and unplugging appliances when they are not being used are some of the methods McLaughlin uses to conserve energy.

In one of Ganschow's columns in The Collegian, he encouraged students to not raise or lower the thermostat thinking it might heat or cool faster if it's a few degrees more. He listed other actions students can take to be more energy conservative.

"We can have as efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning systems we want, but ... it definitely needs to be a mutual effort as far as the operation side of buildings and as well as occupants to achieve the goal of being the most energy efficient," Granshaw said.

McLaughlin said she thinks energy conservation and commitment from everyone is important for the future of the planet.

"I think it's really important because we only have a finite amount of resources on our planet," McLaughlin said, "and as we start to see the end of those resources we just are realizing how we can maximize our use."



MERCEDES LEMKE
Reporter

Animal: Swine

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the Collegian Editorial

Issue:
Applications could limit the amount of participants in upcoming dialogues.

Diversity Dialogues will broaden the horizon of campus

The subject of diversity is becoming more and more discussed across the country and at South Dakota State University. When people learn about diversity, they are encouraged to have an open mind and be willing to learn. In response to this idea, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community created The Difference is Dialogue event. The dialogues are split into four specific groups: urban and rural students, students of color and white students, international students and U.S. born students and religious differences across campus. Faculty and staff, who act as facilitators, create an atmosphere where students feel comfortable and ask students open-ended questions about diversity. The students are able to share their thoughts,

opinions and experiences. The dialogues are currently a five-week session for two hours a week. We, at The Collegian, believe that these dialogues are a great idea. They allow students from a wide range of backgrounds the opportunity to be involved in a group discussion. The idea of creating a safe place encourages students to be open and honest about how they truly feel and what they have experienced at SDSU. However, there is still room for improvement, including accessibility to students. In order to be a part of the dialogues people have to fill out an application with a lot of personal information. Though they will not be turned away, requiring students to fill out an application is likely to turn students away.

With these applications, there is a deadline. Instead of having a deadline, we believe that it should be more open. Some students might not hear about the event until the day of. If the deadline is dropped, students might be more apt to join the sessions as well as drop by. Also, they could consider turning these dialogues into a research topic. If not a research topic, they can at least let the campus know what the results and takeaways were from the dialogues. Overall, we believe the idea of the dialogues is to address the topic of diversity more directly and make diversity a talking point on campus when it wasn't in the past. With a few tweaks and changes, this could be a powerful and impactful event on campus for all students involved.

Stance:
With a few small changes, the dialogues can have a significant influence on campus.

The Collegian staff meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.

The strength in having an opinion

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Opinion Editor

The Collegian staff underwent its bi-yearly training in preparation for the 2016 Spring semester recently, and a part of this training was taking the Gallup Strengthsfinder. For those of you who have had to endure one of the UC classes offered at SDSU, you most likely know what the Gallup Strengthsfinder is. But for those of you who do not know, the Gallup Strengthsfinder is a personal survey that shares your top five strengths. Upon taking the test, my top five strengths according to this test are: Achiever, Futur-

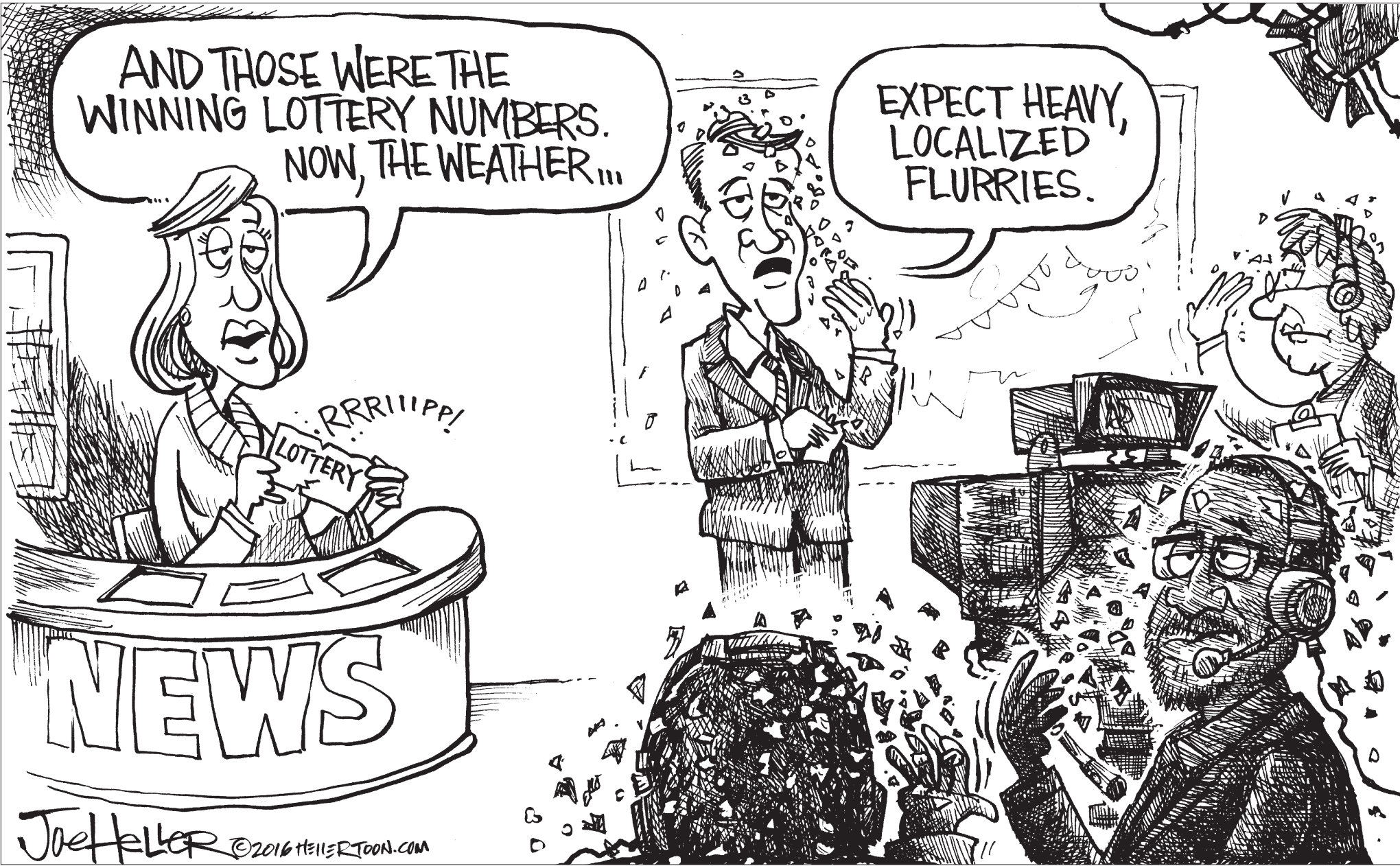
istic, Individualization, Belief and Restorative. After reading the description for each of these strengths, I found myself being able to identify with certain pieces of each strength; however, I could not stop thinking that the descriptions for each strength are general enough that anyone can relate to it, and by taking a test like this, could it potentially cause someone to become biased about how they live their life? Now a test like this is required to relate to millions of people, so it cannot be overly specific down to what an individual will be wearing each day of the week. Is it almost too general that it does not have a true

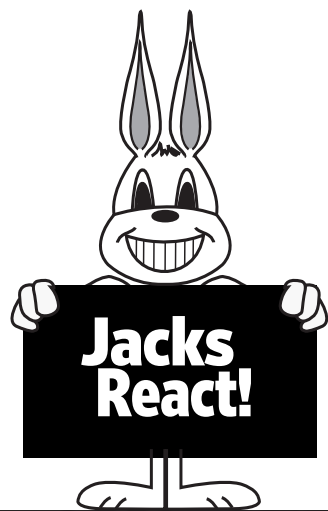
impact? And are the questions in the survey too plain and shallow to really truly capture one's true strengths? And what if someone ends up getting assigned a strength that does not speak to them at all? Will that end up making them biased in how they start living their life compared to how they were living it before they took the test? And are they supposed to believe that a test knows them better than they do? After looking at the list of 34 strengths that one could potentially possess, I found myself relating more to some of the strengths that I did not get as compared to the ones I was giv-

en. For example, I believe I possess Empathy way more than I possess Belief. And I am sure that others have had the same feeling. Where I am able to recognize the benefits of taking a test like this and how it can be a good starting point to eventually understand an individual, my criticism comes from the expectation that I am supposed to believe that a 45 minute survey can tell me who I am as a person better than I can myself. I believe that much more goes into finding out who you are as a person than what this test can accurately measure, and it would be impossible for any test to do so. Thus, this is why

I am not saying that the Gallup Strengthsfinder is bad. I feel it is a good starting place, but I personally take the results of any test of this sort with a grain of salt. Essentially, I trust in myself and loved ones to tell me who I am more than a survey. However, I will never claim to be one who has the right to dictate what makes one feel found and helps them understand themselves, for that is something that is above any mortal man.

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Do you think the diversity dialogues held on campus will have positive or negative consequences?



"I think they will have a positive influence. Being in a science major, I see a lot of ethnicity, and perhaps these talks will help ethnic students feel more accepted if they don't already."

Austin Kott
Pharmacy
Junior



"I think that these talks will be beneficial, but I also think that some people may not receive it well, or ever will."

Kellee Jensen
Architecture
Sophomore



“I feel people will benefit from diversity dialogues. I feel like people will be able to relate to the stories and the speakers, especially if the story is really impactful.”

Cassius Pond
Agronomy
Sophomore



“I think others’ perspectives on these matters are important, especially since some people may never experience adversity. I think they will only have positive influences.”

Kelli Aarstad
Nursing
Alumna

The best shows to binge-watch on Netflix

BRENNA RAMSDEN
Columnist

After the stress of finals and holiday celebrations, the week we have left of break between New Year's Eve and the start of classes can be best spent binge-watching Netflix—at least that's what I did.

The television in my house is constantly on Netflix, and the week was spent watching the new documentary series “Making a Murderer,” a CW original “Reign” and, of course, “Friends.”

"Reign" is a television series inspired by the story of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, but with some modern drama, sex and

mystery.

In my house, we have to make sure all seven housemates can get into the series. In "Reign" there is enough mystery and sometimes gore to keep the boys happy, while there is plenty of drama and romance for the girls. To be honest, I am quite hooked on the first season and can't wait for more.

Everyone needs a little bit of "Friends" in his or her life. The show is more of a classic, and my housemates and I decided the series was something we needed to see.

It is the perfect show to turn on for background noise, but the more we watched, the more

we realized it was spot on with our real lives. We could actually identify each member of the house with a member of the cast. Maybe more proudly than I should admit, I'm Phoebe.

We haven't gotten through all of the episodes because 236 episodes are way too many for any normal college kid to binge on.

“Making a Murderer” was released on Netflix mid-December. If you have not seen the 10-part series, and you plan on it, I have to tell you right now: **SPOILER ALERT.**

The documentary, made by two Colombian film students, follows Steven Avery of Manito-

woc, Wisc. after his 1985 unjust trial and 18-year stint in prison for a crime he didn't commit. He was exonerated in 2003, but just two years later, in 2005, Avery was charged with a murder and he claimed to be innocent.

As a Wisconsin native, I am no stranger to the name Steven Avery. His trial was highly publicized, and everyone thought he was guilty. After watching this series, I think the guy is innocent. Like, #FreeAvery innocent.

The series is a real life “Criminal Minds.” You cannot make this stuff up. A man spent 18 years paying for a crime he didn’t commit only to be framed by the same police officers. And

then his poor nephew was drug into it by investigators who make him think he was involved. If you are not on the verge of tears while you watch the footage of this poor boy's interrogation, you have no feelings.

I'm telling you, you have to watch this documentary, and if you haven't seen "Reign" or "Friends" you should consider those as well. I mean, syllabus week is for Netflix, too, right?

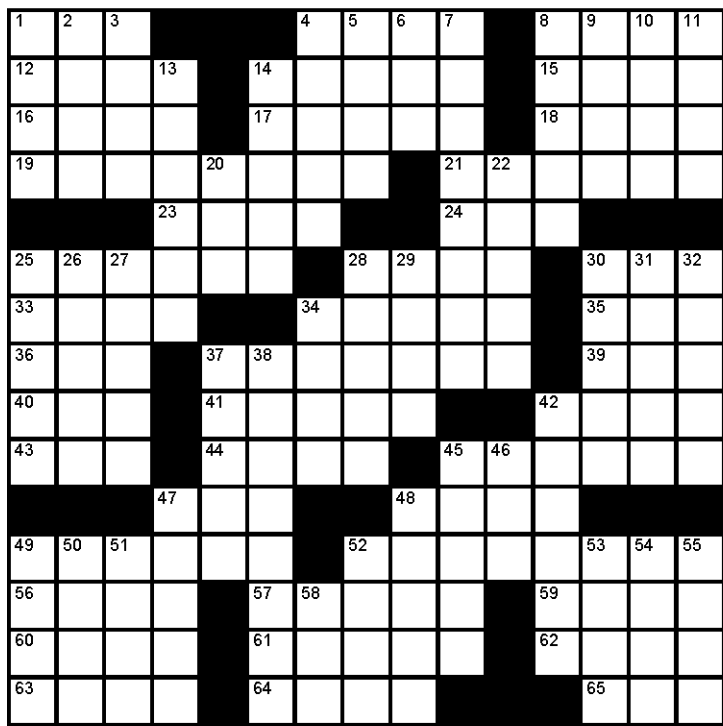
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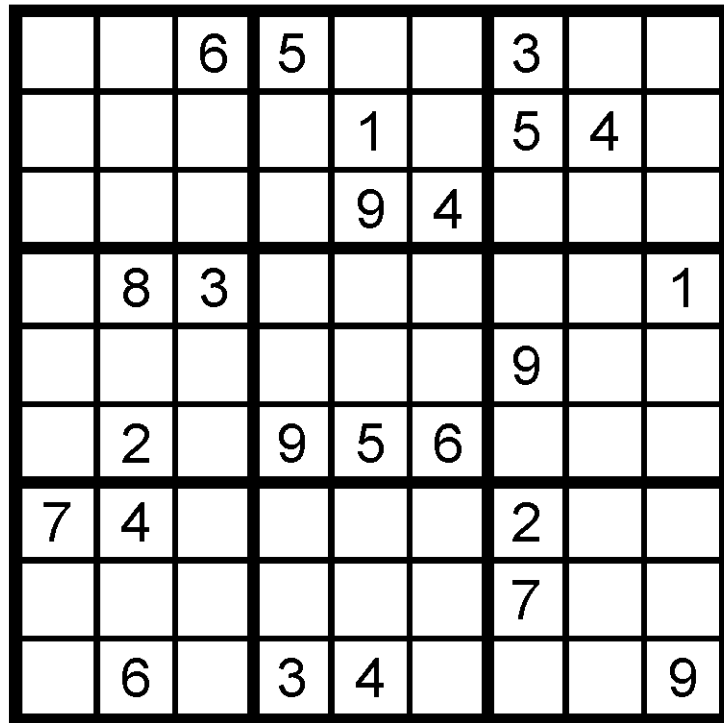
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SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.



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Students’ Association prepares for spring semester

MAKENZIE HUBER
News Editor

The Students’ Association discussed what to expect for the spring semester at the first meeting of the semester.

In Committee and Staff Reports portion of the meeting, senators discussed ideas from committees and announcements for the semester, such as:

- The Performing Arts Center passed through the South Dakota Board of Regents last December. PAC Phase II is now on stage two of construction.
- The University Food Service Advisory Committee (UFSAC) is considering renaming Larson Commons.
- Einstein Bro. Bagels was bought out by Caribou Coffee. Bagels will stay, but soup and coffee will go.

- A tuition waiver for graduate teacher assistants and research assistants was approved by the SDBOR in December and will take place in July 2016.
- Tapingo, a remote food ordering service, was launched this semester, but complications with printers are delaying students from using the service.

First readings of amendments concerning the refining of SA bylaws, ensuring a full reading of legislation before meetings and using permanent parliamentary procedure at meetings were added to Monday’s agenda.

An approval of the MEDLIFE constitution was postponed to the next meeting.

The next SA meeting will be held in the Lewis and Clark room in The Union Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

- ELECTION DATES**
- **Feb. 1** – Petitions for senate seats open
 - **Feb. 8** – Nominations open for president/vice president
*Nominations will be open for three weeks, close and open again from Feb. 22-29.
 - **Feb. 29** – Petitions close at 5 p.m.
 - **March 22-23** – Elections open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - **March 24-31** – If Senate seats are not filled, at-large seats applications will be open
 - **April 11** – Last SA meeting of the term, transition



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A family of snowman in front of Sexauer Field Track. Due to the change in temperature, most of them have fallen now.

SJAC earns LEED Silver certification for building design

JENNIFER McLAUGHLIN
Guest Columnist

You walk past them, go to class in them, you might even live in them; but do you know about them?

The state of South Dakota issued a law in 2008 requiring new state-owned buildings with a construction value exceeding \$500,000 be designed and constructed to silver standard of LEED certification.

LEED stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, and is managed by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

The certification process guides the design, construction and operation of buildings to decrease environmental impacts and ensure healthy environments for inhabitants. Inside each of the nine categories of LEED certification, projects gain points for aspects integrated into the building.

Categories focus on areas such as maximizing the use of renewable energy, protecting and restoring habitats surrounding the building and minimizing water consumption. Once con-

struction is complete, points are tallied and certification is given according to the point totals: Certified (40-49), Silver (50-59), Gold (60-79) and Platinum (80-120).

While students were on Winter Break, South Dakota State University received confirmation that the Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex (SJAC) was SDSU’s twelfth LEED certified building. Receiving a score of 52, SJAC was granted a LEED Silver Certification. Many exciting, environmental aspects were integrated into SJAC to help achieve its rating.

- Recycled Content
 - Roughly 35 percent, by value, of building materials were manufactured using recycled content. This percentage is considered outstanding per LEED standards.
- Recycling
 - 90 percent of the on-site generated construction waste was diverted from the landfill. Most of this comes from wood, steel and cardboard, which is mulched, melted and recycled for use in other projects.
- Alternative Transportation

- 20 bike storage spots and one shower facility are provided to those who commute by bike.
- Water Use Reduction
 - Low flow features on all restroom fixtures and sinks reduce water usage by 40 percent from the standard baseline. This is double the minimum qualification required by LEED.
- Microclimate Reduction
 - The building’s white roof reduces heat island effect by reflecting the sunlight instead of absorbing it. Heat island effect occurs when many buildings absorb solar heat, increasing the surrounding air temperature.
- Local products
 - 65 percent of materials, by value, were manufactured or extracted within 500 miles of Brookings.
- Low emissions
 - All adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings and floorings comply with volatile organic compound (VOCs) limits. VOCs can be harmful to human health if present in high concentrations.
 - HVAC system refrigerants were chosen for their small quantity of ozone depleting

emissions.

- Energy Performance
 - Energy Efficient Equipment (boilers, pumps, fans, etc.) were installed.
 - Large equipment is only operated when needed based on building occupancy.
 - Energy Recovery systems recapture energy from exhaust air before it is ejected outside.
 - Through these efforts the building has achieved an energy cost savings of 25 percent from the estimated baseline usage.
- Measurement and verification
 - Building utilities are metered and monitored to track usage data and savings opportunities.
- Lighting Controls
 - Motion sensors and scheduled lighting systems are installed to reduce electricity usage.
 - Over 80 percent of occupied space meets LEED standards for daylighting, which means natural light accounts for the minimum lighting levels in these spaces. In many cases, the natural light is the only required light depending on weather conditions, time of day and time of

year.

As noted above, 11 other buildings on campus are rated LEED Silver or higher. These buildings include:

- Jackrabbit Grove Residence Halls (4)
- McCrory Garden Education-Visitor Center
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Addition
- Dykhouse Student Athlete Center (Gold rating)
- Jackrabbit Village Residence Halls (3)
- The Dairy Microbiology Renovation

Environmentally friendly buildings have been important to SDSU even before LEED certification was required.

Through their efforts, SDSU has found campus savings to multiply when utilizing more efficient systems. It’s easy to do and makes economical sense. More importantly, SDSU finds constructing LEED certified buildings crucial to environmental stewardship.

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3 bed/ 1 bath apartment located in a duplex at **702 7th St.** Includes stove, fridge, laundry, and partial off street parking. No pets. Tenants responsible for lawn care and snow removal. Rent \$840/mo.

3 bed/ 1 bath house located at **206 6th St.** Includes stove, fridge, laundry, and detached single garage. Tenant responsible for lawn care and snow removal. No pets. Rent \$960/mo.

3 bed/ 1 bath house located at **921 3rd Ave.** Includes fridge, stove, dishwasher, laundry, and off street parking. Tenants responsible for lawn care and snow removal. Must follow 3 unrelated rule. Rent \$1100/mo.

3 bed/ 1.5 bath house located at **721 11th Ave.** Includes stove, fridge, dishwasher, laundry, central air, double detached garage, & off street parking. Tenants responsible for lawn care and snow removal. 1/2 block from campus. Rent \$1125/mo.

3 bed/ 2.5 bath town homes located at **430 Honor Drive.** Includes stainless appliances, Dura ceramic flooring,

Stain Master carpet, patio, central air/heat, laundry, and attached single garage. Pet friendly. Rent \$1275/mo.

4 bed/ 2 bath duplex located at **628 7th Ave.** Includes fridge, stove, laundry, and central air. Only 4 blocks from campus. Tenant responsible for lawn care. Must abide by 3 unrelated rule. Rent \$1240/mo.

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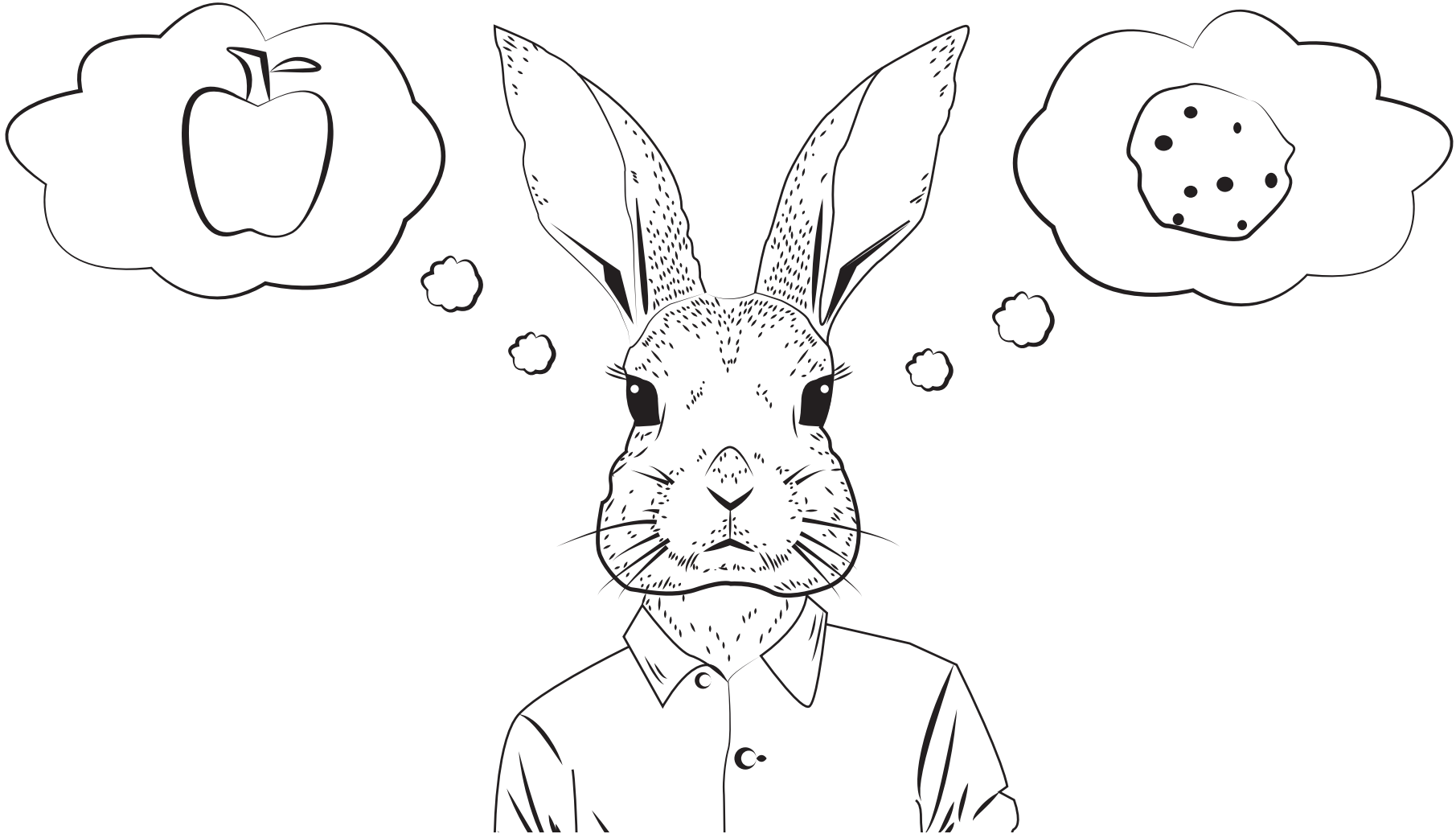
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6 bed/ 3 bath house located at **2021 3rd St.** Includes 2 kitchens, dishwasher, laundry, central air, nice back yard, & detached double garage. Close to 22nd Ave and the hospital. No pets. Rent \$2280/mo.

6 bed/ 2 bath house located at **615 Campanile Ave.** Includes 2 kitchens, dishwasher, laundry, central air, lawn care, detached garage, and off street parking. No pets. Only 1 block from campus. Rent \$2400/mo.

Available July:

2 bed/ 1 bath main floor of a triplex located at **624 Henry Ave.** Includes stove, fridge, coin operated laundry on site, off street parking, lawn care and snow removal. Tenant pays electric, cable, and internet. Owner pays heat, trash, sewer, and water. Close to Pioneer Park. No pets. Rent \$730/mo.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It’s resolution time for university students

IAN LACK
Lifestyles Reporter

For college students, a new year means a new semester, new classes and, sometimes, New Year’s resolutions.

For students, especially first year students, these resolutions are coming to them after a long and grueling fall semester.

Mariah Weber, wellness coordinator and coach, works with students and community members at the Wellness Center on making behavior changes when it comes to nutrition and overall health wellness. She works with campus programs to bring services to the student populous.

“We typically do see an influx of students coming in at the start of the second semester who have been thinking about making a change for a while and are ready to get started on making that change,” Weber said.

Students often come to the Wellness Center seeking help in fulfilling their New Year’s resolutions with general health, nutrition and fitness, she said.

TIME magazine reported in a study that the most common New Year’s resolutions are also the ones that are broken most consistently. Many of these can be understood as “college student resolu-

tions.” Some resolutions according to the list included, “Lose weight and get fit, eat healthier and diet and spend more time with friends and family.”

The Wellness Center provides various health services including nutrition and counseling services. In addition to these health programs, the Wellness Center also offers personal training, group fitness classes, a meeting place for many intramural sports and clubs and other physical activities.

First year microbiology and biology major Nishi Patel feels that the Wellness Center could offer her more advantages for her athletics activities this semester.

Patel plans to continue with intramural volleyball this semester while training for it more often in the Wellness Center with friends.

“I’m going to focus on grades as well, but I also feel like if I had gotten to the Wellness Center with friends a lot more last semester, I would’ve been able to manage intramural volleyball more,” she said.

One New Year’s resolutions students often make is to make better grades.

“While the Wellness Center offers a lot of physical wellness when it comes to nutrition and fitness, I think that that’s when that intellectual wellness is when students meet with their advisers, espe-

cially first year students,” Weber said.

Weber affirms that many SDSU advisers maintain relationships with their students and are able to pick up on a student’s shortcomings even before the student can. Advisers are often better able to pinpoint changes that occur in their advisees when they meet with their students and are able to discuss with them the various challenges that are met in pursuing resolutions.

“Whenever people want to make a big change, I think they need to focus on the small changes first and build off of them,” Weber said. “For example, we get a lot of people coming in to work out. But, sometimes they just don’t have the time to, so we’ll work with them in finding a time, maybe even once a week, and then expand their time here as they continue.”

She also thinks SDSU supports students making a change at any time, not necessarily having it be at the start of the New Year.

“While the mentality might be to wait until second semester to start making a change, I think we push change and goal-setting whenever students are ready for it,” she said.

She advised that one of the best things students can do is surround themselves with people who have the same goals they do.

First year speech communications and advertising major Alex Farber runs a blog called “My Thoughts in Words” through Word Press. She began writing this blog in her first semester and has decided to continue writing as a part of her New Year’s resolutions.

“Whenever I feel positive about something, I share it on my blog, and that’s helping me to better carry out some of my resolutions. I think time management is definitely one of them,” Farber said. “In my first semester, I needed to find a better balance between school work and friends. Sometimes putting your own needs above other things and learning to prioritize myself.”

Farber also feels that a large part of maintaining New Year’s resolutions is setting goals that are small and manageable.

“I set my goals broad so I can feel that I accomplish them a bit better, something to motivate me more to get it done. I don’t have a new year, new me kind of mindset. I don’t think that’s completely realistic,” Farber said. “I think you’re the same person on New Year’s Day, but you’re slowly changing throughout the year. You’re no different on Jan. 1, but it’s who you are after 365 days that counts.”

Five tips for a solid spring semester

HAILEY KLINE
Lifestyles Editor

1. Get. A. Planner.

The most important aspect in any situation is to develop a plan. Seeing these plans physically in front of you can take the pressure off relying solely on your memory. Fill out a planner to remember deadlines for projects, papers and even specific times to study. In the long run, planners will become your best friend.

2. Stop creeping, start sleeping

Whether or not we want to admit it, we all do it. Right before we go to bed, we pick up our phones and check every social media account we have. Instead of doing so right before bed, set aside time to do this. It can make for an entertaining study break. Bottom line, put the phone down and get some extra sleep time.

3. Coffee is always the answer

Whether it’s an 8 a.m. class or a late-night study session, coffee can keep you awake and focused throughout the day. Start your day off right with a caramel macchiato with an extra shot of espresso and thank me later.

4. The library is your friend

Use the library. Not only is it a great place to study, but it’s also a great resource. Composition classes usually require a visit to the library once every semester along with other courses requiring in-depth research. Become aware of the most effective time for your schedule and give yourself the opportunity to study in a quiet environment.

5. Don’t forget to call mom and dad

Believe it or not, your parents miss you each and every day. You were their entire life for a while. Feeling the absence of your presence can be taxing on their life. Be kind to your parents and give them a call. They love to hear what you’re doing that day or even what you’re not doing that day.

Hello, it’s me

HAILEY KLINE
Lifestyles Editor

It’s so typical of me talk about myself, I’m sorry. My name’s Hailey Kline: avid lover of Harry Styles, chai tea and excessive napping.

I’m also the new Lifestyles Editor of The Collegian. I’m a freshman majoring in journalism with an emphasis in news editorial.

Originally, I’m from Aberdeen, S.D., but my college of choice led me to Brookings.

If I’m not scanning through Pinterest in my dorm room, I can usually be found at the Wellness Center, attempting to avoid the Freshman 15. However, on very rare occasions, I can be spotted in the library... still probably scanning Pinterest.

One pastime I find consuming most of my free time is writing. I love constantly improving in this area and seeing what I can create out of a combination of 26 simple letters. Along with my desire to write, I find that reading a variety of material has also helped improve my skills. Anything from young adult fiction novels to best-selling memoirs spark my interest and usually force me to binge-read the entire book within a few days.

Being a newbie to the team, I definitely feel I have a lot to prove. Believe me, I do not take this new position lightly. My goal for this semester is not only to display my passion in writing to my fellow students, but to prepare myself for my future career.

No matter what occupation I choose to pursue, I know that my experience and knowledge gained here at The Collegian will be beneficial. Communication skills and strategic thinking are necessary in the field of journalism, and I feel The Collegian team creates an atmosphere where these skills become natural.

I hope you all enjoy the Lifestyles Section throughout the semester and find the stories as interesting as I do.

Q&A

with Kristi Tornquist

Kristi Tornquist is the Chief University Librarian of the Hilton M. Briggs Library on SDSU's campus.

Hilton M. Briggs Library Spring Events

- Jan. 20, 12 p.m.
Winter Welcome Wednesday
- Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
"Lord of the Rings" talk with Dr. Michael Nagy
- March 31
Teri Finneman Book Signing
- April 14, 7 p.m.
Oakwood Launch

Q: When is your busiest time of the semester?

A: Right now, at the beginning of the semesters. Students are here printing out syllabi or checking emails from faculty members and D2L courses..We get a lot of that kind of traffic. And then, certainly, during finals and midterms it's really quite busy.

Q: Is there a correlation between which majors use library services most often?

A: We don't ask. One of the things libraries try to provide is confidentiality. You should be able to come in and look for information that you want to look for without someone looking over your shoulder.

Of course, certain courses have library assignments, and so, we tend to see those people more often. In freshman comp, for example, everyone has to come in and do a library experience.

We often see graduate students doing more in-depth research, where undergraduates would be learning their research skills. Much of what the library offers, you don't have to come into the building, so looking at log ons doesn't necessarily tell us where the person might be located..It would vary some on discipline. English majors maybe would check out books more often. Some of the sciences would be downloading electronic articles.

Q: How many books are in the Hilton M. Briggs library?

A: Our library has around 7,500 items..that would be government documents and all sorts of things.

Q: What can the library offer besides a quiet place to study?

A: We have the archives...I think there's a lot of resources upstairs that people can come in contact with and that people didn't know we had.. It takes a little bit of in-depth research to find. It would be items that are about SDSU. It would be a collection of books that are either by South Dakota authors or about South Dakota.

And then we would have other special

collections. Kathy Norris, who is a New York Times best-selling author, wrote a book called "Dakota Spiritual Geography" and we have her papers.










We have special collections that are unique and irreplaceable. Those are all in our archives. We have Senator Daschle's papers, which is a huge collection for us..We have study space, we have group study rooms, we have individual carrels for graduate students. We've been trying to update some of the spaces.

Q: What advice do you have for new students coming in?

A: I suggest they establish good study habits, whether that's in the library or elsewhere on campus. Getting into a good routine and establishing a focus on their studying will help them to be successful in their university career and into their life.

We'd be pleased to have the library be a location where people find it conducive to studying and that they're successful in their university career and their academic goals. We'd like to be a part of that.

This Week's Horoscopes

 Pisces	Someone may shock you with unexpected criticism today, refocusing your attention back on reality. If your fantasies have hijacked your goals, embrace the unsolicited advice you receive from others now, instead of rejecting it out of hand. Nurturing your confidence, not your skepticism, will guide you toward fulfillment.	 Virgo	This is a significant day for your relationships and you might end up pleasantly surprised with the outcome. However, you need to demonstrate a modicum of self-restraint or someone could rain on your parade now. The simplest act of kindness may be enough to shift the energy in a brighter direction.
 Aries	You are poised in anticipation, eager to ride the fluctuating waves of contradictory energy. A smarter strategy could be to retreat and reevaluate your plans today, instead of futilely pushing against the currents. By practicing a little patience, you can transform your unbridled optimism into tangible results.	 Libra	There's plenty of detailed busywork on your agenda today but you really don't want to mess with your schedule to make it all fit in. You gain the most by meeting others halfway and acting as spontaneously as you can. Paradoxically, a gracious compromise may be the most sensible way to get what you want now.
 Taurus	Everything seems to be flowing your way today, but the positive feedback could have a surprising negative effect. Thankfully, your world will continue to spin in your favor as long you don't let the current energy of abundance encourage greed. More isn't necessarily better; if you already set an attainable goal, prepare to stop when you reach it.	 Scorpio	Some of the current complexity in your life stems from how you chose to react to recent events. Nevertheless, relaxing your grip and letting go of your old expectations frees you to achieve your new goals. Embracing your future is easier when you carry less baggage.
 Gemini	Unfortunately, too much stress on the job can make you less effective today, so just coast for a while if you run into trouble. Fight the temptation to dig in your heels because a stubborn stance won't work in your favor. Adaptability is your not-so-secret weapon, so don't be afraid to use it to your advantage.	 Sagittarius	Although you are concerned that your secret isn't safe today, you still could enjoy yourself while navigating all the twists and turns of the day. This high level of action is what you asked for so don't waste everyone's time wishing that your life was less hectic now.
 Cancer	Your moods are brewing up a storm today, yet you won't gain any respect by giving up at the first sign of conflict. Your most sensible approach is based upon a high level of consistent behavior without any signs of aggression. Calm your nerves by surrounding yourself with the sounds of nature, soothing music or just good old-fashioned silence.	 Capricorn	Living up to your end of the bargain and managing all the minute details of a project means that delicious rewards may be just around the next corner. Part of your current lesson is learning to live with more uncertainty now. Dig deep to find spiritual meaning in the present moment while also honoring your dreams for the future.
 Leo	A flood of brilliant ideas opens many possibilities at work today, yet you may grow agitated because you can't find the hook that could turn this magical moment into something more. Exploring your options enables you to make the most of the amazing opportunities knocking at your door.	 Aquarius	Keeping your thoughts in line is a fruitless and frustrating endeavor today. Stay optimistic about the possibilities, even if everything continues to change. Turn any remaining fear into courage and trust your intuition to keep you safe and sound.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jacks become a force to be reckon with in league

AUSTIN HAMM
News Editor

The South Dakota State women's basketball team had a terrific start to their season, and that momentum carried through Christmas break, ending the nonconference schedule for the Jacks and seeing them to a 3-0 record to begin Summit League play.

Coach Aaron Johnston's squad has gone 4-1 since the end of finals, with their loss coming by one point at Green Bay on Dec. 21 in their second to last nonconference game. They came into Summit league play on a high note though, topping Bowling Green State University in their final game outside the conference.

"[The nonconference schedule] went very well," Johnston said. "We probably could have had a couple more wins. That may seem like high expectations with the difficulty of our schedule, but we played that well. We had a chance to win two of the three we lost in the last couple minutes."

The two losses that were winnable for SDSU were the Green Bay game and an 8-point loss to No. 6 Maryland in the Paradise Jam tournament over Thanksgiving break. Maryland was one of three ranked opponents the Jacks faced in their nonconference slate, going 1-2 as they fell to No. 3 Notre Dame at Frost Arena as well as Maryland in the Virgin Islands. They got over the hump against No. 16 DePaul in Frost on Dec. 15.

The Jacks started with a strong conference play, and Johnston thinks part of that stems from a conscious change of pace SDSU has been playing with offensively.

"Offensively, we were kind of methodical in nonconference games and we ran a lot more set plays," Johnston said. "In the Summit League, where our opponents are a lot more familiar with the types of things we try to do, we've been trying to push the ball a bit more so they don't have a chance to get set up defensively."

Sophomore guard Macy Miller has been a big part of the Jacks success this season. She leads the Jacks in scoring at 17.9 points per game, the team in assists, free throw percentage and shooting percentage.

"She's one of the best players in the Midwest. She can do just about anything on the court," Johnston said of Miller. "But what makes her great really is some of the players around her. We have a lot of players that can score and that takes a lot of pressure off her."

One of the players who can help take pressure off Miller is freshman Madison Guebert. Guebert has started every game for the Jacks this year and had a breakthrough game scoring the ball in the Jacks' most recent game against Omaha, when she pumped in a career-high 23 points, including six three-pointers.

"She's really getting comfortable with what this level's all about and where she can help our team," Johnston said. "Generally as a freshman you don't figure it out until January or February. You have to learn what kinds of things you can do against this level of competition and you and your teammates have to get to know each other."

The Jacks now sit at 13-3 on the year, facing Fort Wayne on Wednesday Jan. 13 in Indiana before coming back to Frost Arena to host the South Dakota Coyotes on Sunday Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. USD is 11-5 on the year and 2-1 in Summit League play and are led by super-senior Nicole Seekamp's 15.1 points per game.

"Seekamp is also one of those best in the Midwest and makes the players around her better," Johnston said. "They play at a fast pace and shoot the three fairly well. We'll have to be good defensively and find ways to score."

Sophomore
Macy Miller has
averaged

- 16.9 points
- 2.6 assists
- 4.2 rebounds
- 47% field goal
- 78% free throw
- 3x Summit League Player of the Week



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Macy Miller's performance is one reason the Jackrabbits are having a historically successful season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jacks find solid footing despite injured starters

ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Reporter

The SDSU men's basketball team takes the floor at Frost Arena at 7 p.m. on Thursday as they try to extend their 23 game home winning streak against the Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne Mastodons.



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George Marshall's return from injury has helped spark the Jackrabbit's offense.

The Jackrabbits, who are 13-4 overall and 2-1 in the Summit League, are off to their best start since becoming a Division-I program in 2004.

The Jacks are coming off their first conference loss of the season as they fell to Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, 74-67. It was IUPUI's first victory over SDSU after losing in their first seven tries.

SDSU will face a IPFW squad who is first in the Summit League with a conference record of 4-0 and an overall record of 14-4.

Unlike last year, where the Jacks were healthy all season, they have had a couple of injuries hinder them over the last month. George Marshall returned at the beginning of conference play after missing six games with a foot injury.

Head Coach Scott Nagy hinted last week that Jake Bittle could see the floor Thursday after missing the last seven games due to injury. Bittle was averaging 11.4 points per game before getting hurt.

"Since we only have one game in ten, 11 days, we're hoping that for Fort Wayne he should be ready to go," Nagy said.

The Jacks leading scorer is senior guard Deondre Parks, who is averaging 16.9 points a game. Parks was preseason First Team All-Summit League team. Parks is also averaging 5.3 rebounds a game which is something not many people expected from him this season.

The surprise of the year so far has been redshirt freshman center Mike Daum. Daum is averaging 12.6 points a game and 5.1 rebounds.

Even though the team is off to their best start in DI history, they are in no way happy with how they've started off conference play.

"No one in our locker room is celebrating, because we know we can play a lot better offensively," Nagy said.

The Jacks will go on a three game road trip after the matchup against IPFW including games against rivals NDSU and USD. SDSU is looking to make it back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2013.

Sports

in brief

Track and Field

The SDSU Track and field teams will begin their indoor season in earnest Saturday, Jan. 16, when they travel to Fargo for the Bison Invite.

Both the men and women's jackrabbit squads were picked to finish third in the Summit League in the pre-season coaches poll.

Most of the sprinters and jumpers made their season debuts for the Jacks before Christmas break at the SDSU Holiday open back on Dec. 8. Key performances included senior Leandre Kennedy's 6.89 second run in the 60-meter dash, which earned him second place, and Senior Amy Leiferman's win in the women's pole vault with a vault of 11-feet-11.75.

In the coming weeks, many of the Jacks distance runners will make their season debuts. With several key upperclassmen likely taking redshirts, including school-record holding sprinter Carly Carper and 2015 cross country All-American Joel Reichow, the Jacks will be looking to younger athletes to make contributions.

NEXT HOME: Saturday Jan. 23, Jim Emmerich/Alumni Invitational @ SJAC

Swim and Dive

The Swim and Dive team traveled to St. Petersburg, Fla. for a week of intense training to kick off the new semester. While there, they hosted the St. Pete's classic, a relay meet designed to help the teams keep in a competitive mindset for the week.

In the meet, the SDSU men won eight of the nine events and took first place.

The women won three events en route to a second place finish to DePauw.

After the meet, the Jacks spent a week of two-a-days and dry land work to get themselves positioned for the next six weeks leading to the conference meet.

To get a more in depth look at the Jacks trip south, including Head Coach Brad Erickson's thoughts on the value of the trip for the rest of their season, check out the full story on B3.

NEXT UP: Men's and Women's Saturday, Jan. 16 @ St. Cloud State

Women's Basketball

The SDSU women's basketball team finished out their nonconference slate and started Summit League play during the Winter Break. They are now 13-3 on the year, and 3-0 in Summit League play.

The Jacks' three losses have were up against No. 3 Notre Dame, No. 6 Maryland and at Green Bay.

Sophomore Macy Miller has continued to carry the load, leading the Jacks in scoring and assists. But her supporting cast is getting deeper and stronger recently, with highly touted freshman Madison Guebert, who has started every game for the Jacks this year, scoring a career high 23 points in a home win against Omaha.

The Jacks will be in Indiana to face Fort Wayne on Wednesday, but will be back in Brookings on Sunday to host USD.

For a full story on the Jacks' Winter Break schedule, see B1.

NEXT HOME: Sunday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m. vs. USD

Wrestling

The Jackrabbit wrestlers competed in the 53rd Ken Kraft Midlands Championship over Winter Break. They were led by the second place finish of senior Cody Pack in the 157-pound class.

Pack dropped his first match of the season, falling to second-seeded Thomas Gantt of North Carolina State in the championship.

David Kocer and Nate Rotert also placed for the Jacks, finishing in sixth and seventh in the 174-pound and 197-pound classes, respectively.

Over the two-day tournament, 13 Jackrabbit wrestlers combined for a 33-26 record. SDSU finished 10th out of 43 teams with 57 points and second among four Big 12 Conference teams competing in the two-day tournament. Iowa won the team title with 152 points, followed by fellow Big Ten Conference members Nebraska and Rutgers.

NEXT HOME: Friday, Jan. 22 SDSU Triangular vs. SIU-Edwardsville/Bakersfield



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Nate Rotert, seen above in an earlier season dual against Virginia Tech, was one of three Jacks to place at the Midlands tournament.

The Jacks' dual record sits at 5-5, but that is the product of a schedule that has included three top-ten opponents.

They will next take on Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo., Friday Jan 15.

Men's Basketball

The SDSU men's basketball team has spent a good portion of the season dealing with injuries, particularly to key players like George Marshall and Jake Bittle, both of whom were preseason all-Summit League picks. Despite those struggles, the Jacks are still 13-4 on the year and 2-1 in conference play.

The strong play of Deondre Parks combined with the efforts of redshirt freshman forward Mike Daum has helped keep the rabbits afloat while Bittle and Marshall have been limited.

Parks leads the Jacks in scoring and is their second leading rebounder.

Daum has been a boon off the bench, playing in all 17 games and becoming the Jacks number three scorer and rebounder. The big man is averaging 12.6 points and 5.1 rebounds in 17.4 minutes of action per game.

The Jacks host Fort Wayne Thursday at 7 p.m. before three in a row away from Frost Arena.

For a full story on injuries and their impact on the season, see B1.

NEXT HOME: Thursday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. vs IPFW

Tennis

Both the men's and women's tennis teams were picked third in the Summit League preseason coaches poll.

On the women's side, South Dakota State has won 15 Summit League matches since 2013, the most of any active league member during that three-year span.

All five starters return for the Jackrabbits. Two-time all-league pick senior Iasmin Rosa and 2013 all-league selections Ffion Davies and Florencia Magni return at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively, while senior Beatriz Souza and sophomore Elif Gabb are back at No. 4 and No. 5. Both Rosa and Mangni enter the spring season with two-match win streaks.

On the men's side, three of the six starters return for the Jackrabbits. Senior Lovro Curcija is expected to move from No. 4 singles to No. 1, two-time all-league pick senior Henrique Pereira returns at No. 2 and senior Mateus Moreira is back at No. 5.

For a more in depth look at the season preview, check out the full story on B3.

NEXT UP: Men's Jan. 15 DePaul @ Minneapolis and Jan. 16 @ Minnesota, Women's Jan 22 @ Nebraska-Kearney

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Men’s and Women’s tennis picked third in conference

JACKRABBIT ATHLETICS

After reaching The Summit League finals last year, the South Dakota State men’s and women’s tennis teams were picked to finish third, according to a poll conducted by the Summit League’s coaches Wednesday.

The Jackrabbit women claimed one of seven first-place votes for a total of 27 points. Two-time defending champion Denver University was picked to win the league title, tallying six first-place votes and 36 points. University of South Dakota was second with 28 points and IUPUI with 21 points in fourth.

Oral Roberts University was picked fifth with 16 points while the other teams in the lower half of the poll included Omaha (6th, 9 pts.) and Western Illinois University (7th, 6 pts.).

Last year, the Jackrabbits finished 15-8 overall and 5-2 in The Summit League. They lost, 4-0, to Denver in the league finals. SDSU was also the 2014 regular season runner-up.

South Dakota State has won 15 Summit League matches since 2013, the most of any active league

member during that three-year span.

All five starters return for the Jackrabbits. Two-time all-league pick senior Iasmin Rosa and 2013 all-league selections Ffion Davies and Florencia Magni return at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles, respectively, while senior Beatriz Souza and sophomore Elif Gabb are back at No. 4 and No. 5. Both Rosa and Mangni enter the spring season with two-match win streaks.

Senior and 2014 all-league selection Tacy Haws-Lay and freshman Morgan Brower look to break into the lineup. Brower went 4-4 in the fall and teamed with Haws-Lay for a 5-1 doubles record. Brower also played with Mangni and sports a 3-1 record. Brower finished the fall with an 8-2 overall doubles record.

On the men’s side, the Jackrabbits claimed 16 points along with IUPUI. Defending champion Denver was picked to win the league title, tallying five first-place votes and 25 points. Oral Roberts was second with one first-place vote and 19 points. Omaha was picked fifth with nine points and Western Illinois sixth with five points.

Last year, the Jackrab-

bits finished 14-10 overall and 3-3 in The Summit League. They lost, 4-2, to USD in the championship.

Three of the six starters return for the Jackrabbits. Senior Lovro Curcija is expected to move from No. 4 singles to No. 1, two-time all-league pick senior Henrique Pereira returns at No. 2 and senior Mateus Moreira is back at No. 5.

Looking to fill out the lineup are juniors Jonny Higham, Lucas Pereira and sophomores Stefano Blatt and Marco Paulo Castro and freshmen Emerson Styles, Chuck Tang and Elliot Ward. In three tournaments this fall, Styles finished with a 6-2 singles record while Blatt and Higham enter the spring with three-match winning streaks.

The Jackrabbit men open their spring schedule Jan. 15 with a trip to Minnesota for matches vs. DePaul Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. and vs. the Gophers at 4 p.m. Jan. 16.

The women open their spring schedule Jan. 22-23 with a trip to the Cornhusker State for matches at University of Nebraska-Lincoln Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. and Nebraska Kearney at 11 a.m. Jan. 23.

Saban, Crimson tide remain supreme with 4th national title

Watson sets yardage record in Clemson’s first loss of season

AUSTIN HAMM Sports Editor

Sometimes I feel that this phrase is often overused by sports broadcasters as they attempt to make a game seem almost larger than life, but it seems to be one of the best ways to describe the CFP National Championship game played between Alabama and Clemson Monday night.

The talking points coming out of this game are endless. From the ‘Bama onside kick in the fourth quarter to DeShaun Watson breaking Vince Young’s record for total yards in a national championship game, there are a lot of things to take in. So in the interest of efficiency, I’m just going to run down a few of my favorites.

1. **Roll Tide**
Nick Saban and his machine at Alabama maintained their status as the greatest program of our time, winning their fourth title in seven years and joining Notre Dame as the only programs to have accomplished that. The Irish did it from 1943-49.

To me, Alabama’s run is more impressive as they have accomplished in an era of far greater parity in college football, and have accomplished it in both the BCS and College Football Playoff.

It all combines to make arguably one of the greatest runs in the history of the sport.

2. **Clemson Rising**
No one gave the Tigers a real shot at getting the win on Monday, or on New Year’s Eve against Oklahoma for that matter, but Dabo Swinney’s squad gave as good as they got for the entirety of the championship game.

Their defensive front had Tide quarterback Jake Coker under pressure all night, they outgained the Crimson tide 550 yards to 473 and had 31 first downs compared to ‘Bama’s 18—they never gave up, even at a time when many teams would have after an onside kick and kick return for a score. Enough pieces are coming back—watch out for the Tigers next year.

3. **O.J Howard(!)**
The 6-6 tight end had played a negligible role in the Tide’s offense this year, with no touchdowns and a yardage high of 70, which came in a shootout loss to Ole Miss. In fact, the towering junior hadn’t made a trip to the end zone since his freshman year (2013) and had a total of 394 yards this year.

But he showed up in the biggest way in the biggest game, torching Clemson with five catches for 208 yards and a pair of long touchdowns. In a night when Coker threw for 335 yards and a pair of scores, and Heisman trophy winner Derrick Henry ran for 158 yards and three scores, I think Howard’s performance is the biggest reason Alabama was able to prevail.

4. **Speaking of Henry**
It seems almost a travesty that I took this long to get to the Heisman winner in this column, but that was just the nature of this game.

Henry was fantastic with the aforementioned stat line, but it almost has become ho-hum greatness. The way Henry wowed us this week was actually not with his play, but with a pre-game image of him standing next to, and dwarfing, Alabama’s other Heisman winner, Mark Ingram.

At 6-3, 240 pounds, Henry is known to have atypical size for his position, but to see him look like such a monstrous being next to another Tide great who is also a legitimate NFL player, it gave many people shudders as to what the future may hold for Henry, and it also gave way to some excellent tweets with the picture.

5. **Let’s do it again**
Watson comes back. Henry is replaced by, presumably, Bo Scarbrough, a 6-2 240 pound freshman who averaged 5.8 yards per carry on 18 touches this year.

It feels safe to assume that both defenses will be adequately refurbished after some upper classmen head to the NFL. Right now, as far as I’m concerned, if next season’s championship is a rematch, I couldn’t be happier.



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Athlete of the Week



Nick Mears

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Usually, The Collegian Sports Athlete of the Week is a space reserved where we honor the recent performance of a jackrabbit athlete in competition. But this week, we honor junior safety Nick Mears of the football team, who was named to the 2015 Football Championship Subdivision Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team Jan. 8.

Mears was one of 52 student athletes selected to the FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team. Eight of the honorees were from Missouri Valley Football Conference members. Nominees must be in at least their second year of athletics and academic standing, have maintained at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA and have been a starter or key player.

Mears started all nine games in which he played during the 2015 season, recording 54 tackles, three pass breakups and a pair of forced fumbles.

An economics major who maintains a 4.0, Mears was also named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Academic First Team and the first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Mears' recognition for his hard work in the classroom serves as a reminder of the importance of the academic side of student athletes.



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Swim and dive teams host annual St. Pete's Classic in Florida to give themselves a chance to compete while training. The men's team placed first and women's second this year.

Swim and dive teams compete in Florida

AUSTIN HAMM
Sports Editor

The cold snap running through Brookings hit the swim and dive team a little harder than most, but that's to be expected when they spent the last week of winter break in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Friday afternoon it was 75 (degrees) and just beautiful out," SDSU head coach Brad Erickson said. "Then we get back here on Sunday and it was 15 below zero. And that hurt."

SDSU takes an annual trip to St. Petersburg to train and play host to the St. Pete's Classic, which gives the Jacks a chance to keep a competitive mindset in the relay meet as they head into a week of tough training filled with two-a-days, dry land work and plenty of ice bags on their shoulders.

"We got in on Saturday and got about an hour of training in that night, then got up Sunday morning and hosted the Classic," Erickson said. "We did pretty well. As a relay meet it shows your depth more than anything else."

The men's squad won the Classic team title after winning eight of the nine relays in the meet.

The Jackrabbits tallied 118 points to win the five-team meet. The College of Wooster (Ohio) was second with 86 points, with SUNY-New Paltz taking third with 74 points.

After being edged in the opening relay, the Jackrabbits won the final eight events, starting with the 800-yard freestyle relay as the quartet of Matthew Carpenter, Chris Rumrill, Chris Angerhofer and Ben Sieve took the win.

The trio of Garth Wadsworth, Donovan Taylor and Tony Mikrut won the 3x100 butterfly relay by nearly seven seconds, while the team of Chase Petersen, Connor McGinnis and Daniel Jacobson followed with a win in the 3x100 backstroke relay.

SDSU made it a sweep of the single-stroke 3x100 relays as Wyatt Rumrill, Josh DeDina and Pierce Oja claimed the breaststroke event.

Mikrut, Wadsworth and Carpenter were each part of three winning relays. The duo of Mikrut and Wadsworth formed half of the Jackrabbits' winning 500-yard freestyle relay, teaming with Ben Bolinske and Thomas Davey. Mikrut also swam on SDSU's victorious 200 medley relay, joining forces with Petersen, Rumrill and Bolinske.

Wadsworth helped close the meet by teaming with Jacobson, Rumrill and Carpenter for a win in the 400 freestyle relay. Carpenter also teamed with Angerhofer and Weston Christensen for a win in the 3x500 scramble relay.

In the women's competition, SDSU won three event titles en route to a runner-up finish.

The Jackrabbits opened the meet by winning the 200-yard freestyle relay with the foursome Abby Zenner, Gabrielle Langerud, Cassie Hendricks and Jade Goosen.

Also victorious on Sunday was the 3x100 breaststroke relay team of Sydney Rasmussen, Kayce Smith and Kristin Erf with a top time of 3:32.64.

The final SDSU victory of the day came in the 200 medley relay, where the Samantha Prasher, Smith, Erf and Zenner team won by seven-plus seconds.

DePauw University (Ind.) won the six-team women's division with 102 points, edging the Jackrabbits with 96 points.

Though it's a chance for the athletes to enjoy some warmth and compete in the classic, the main point of the trip is the training, and Erickson thought the Jacks got some quality work in.

"Our meet was at about 10 on Sunday morning, wrapped up about 12 and we had a second practice a two o'clock," Erickson said. "Monday though we were going two-a-days plus a lot of dry land. All in all it was a very successful trip."

Both the Jackrabbit men's and women's teams return to action Jan. 16 with a dual at St. Cloud State (Minn.).

"It's a six-week season. Six weeks and we're at conference," Erickson said. "We talk about the fact that every swim, all the yards or meters you put in, we don't have any room for slacking. It's all down to business."

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